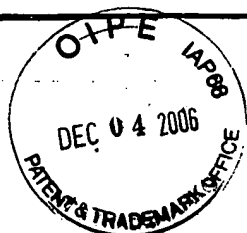


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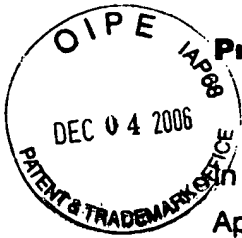
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. (Preliminary, Before Office Action)

STATUS

2. Applicant is
- ☐ a small entity. A statement:
 - ☐ is attached.
 - ☐ was already filed.
 - ☒ other than a small entity.

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If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
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Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. FEE OR RATE	ADDIT. FEE RATE
TOTAL	MINUS	=	x\$9= \$	x\$18= \$
INDEP.	MINUS	=	x\$40= \$	x\$80= \$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$135= \$	+ \$270= \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$ n/a	OR TOTAL ADDIT. n/a FEE \$

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ 0.00

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- ☐ Attached is a ☐ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$ _____
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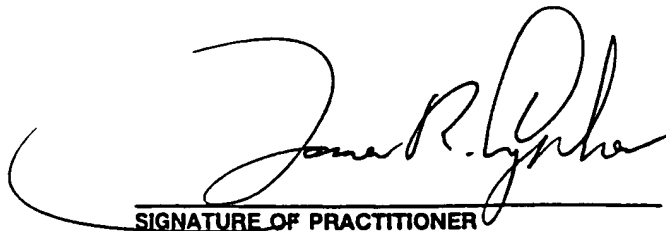
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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account
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